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Plummer Center Escapee Apprehended

An offender who left the grounds of the Plummer Community Corrections Center in Wilmington without authorization early this morning was apprehended by Department of Correction officers this afternoon.

Thomas Deal, 20, was taken into custody without incident at 12:45 p.m. He was found hiding in the basement of a building on Vandever Avenue in Wilmington. He is currently being held at Howard R. Young Correctional Institution and will face the charge of Escape After Conviction.

Deal, who was serving a six-month sentence for Violation of Probation on an original charge of Attempted Arson, left facility grounds after jumping out the first-floor window in his housing unit and climbing over the perimeter fence.

Department of Correction officers launched an immediate response when notified by another resident that Deal was in the process of attempting to escape, but he had already left the grounds.